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COMPONENT MADE OF METAL OR A METALLIC COMPOUND

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This paper is in response to the final rejection contained in the Office Communication dated as mailed August 22, 2006 and having a response due date of November 22, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.